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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in conjunction with the divisional application filed on April 18, 2001 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, lines 4-7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/086,285, filed May 29, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT application US98/01206 filed January 12, 1998, which claims priority to provisional application 60/035,327 filed January 13, 1997 (expired). All of the above applications are incorporated herein by reference.